



Park 51

Written & directed by Christopher Capelluto
 Cinematographer - Isaac Hughes Green
 Starring Graham Powell, Al Nazemian & Antoinette Elias.
 Drama - 2013
 21 Minutes

A struggling Iraq War veteran saves the life of a Muslim man from a hate crime in New York City. The film takes place against the backdrop of the protests against the controversial 'Park 51' ground zero mosque.

Put a Libre

Written, directed & edited by Kevin Haefelin & Blaise Villars
 Produced by Kevin Haefelin
 Cinematographer: Blaise Villars
 Starring Oleg Kamaukh, Felipe Castro, Edmond Vullioud, Armen Godel, Julie Conti, Robert Szuplewski, Anissa Cadelli, Helene Patricio, Antonio Buil, Jef Saintmartin, François Florey
 Action / Thriller - 2017
 29 Minutes



On the way to their honeymoon, an ordinary couple ends up in the heart of a crooked politician's business, his dangerous thugs and their rival, Pavel, a Russian agent intended to save women from sex trafficking.



Safe Harbour Amsterdam

Written and directed by Jack Luceno
 Cinematographer - Camera Stijn Jonghardt
 Starring Jack Luceno, Gareth Harwood, Janna Fassaert, Dean Van Dugteren, Kenan Raven, Susanne Ohmann, Alexandra Buresch, William Sutton.
 Dark Comedy - 2018
 94 Minutes

For decades artists, guys on the run came to Amsterdam chasing dreams. Talent and dreams took a back seat to fast and easy money. Yet things are desperate. A young traveler forces them to confront who they really are.

Scumbag

Written and directed by Mars Roberge

Cinematographer - Marco Tomaselli

Starring a gang of NYC LES legends such as Penny Arcade, Michael Musto, Nick Zedd, Little Annie, Michael Alig, Superstar DJ Keoki, Tom Silverman, etc. with a cast of over 220 actors in it.

Dark Comedy (Mature) - 2017

114 Minutes

A young wannabe-superstar dj, Phil, takes on a day job at a telemarketing company, working with crazy people, ex-prisoners, drug addicts and murderers. The time on his life begins to tick as he battles addiction, fights the law and tries to maintain the only sane thing left in his life, his girlfriend, Christine. From the writer and director of "The Little House That Could". Keep your safety belts fastened for this high-octane punk ride in the fast lane of life.



The Lessons by Alberto Ferreras

Written and directed by Alberto Ferreras. Cinematography by Alex Stikich.

Starring John David West, Olga Merediz, Shirley Rumierk, Francisco Solorzano, Suzanne Di Donna, David Fraioli, Lou Liberatore, Barbra Herr, Giovanka de Medici and Ardes Quinn.

Drama - 2017 to 2020

47 Minutes

The Lessons is an award winning collection of funny and daring New York stories that explore sex, relationships, and honesty, in the most unusual circumstances. These witty short films will make you laugh, and will leave you wondering if you can handle the truth.



The Poet and the Professor

Written and directed by Ariel Kavoussi

Produced by Valerie Steinberg

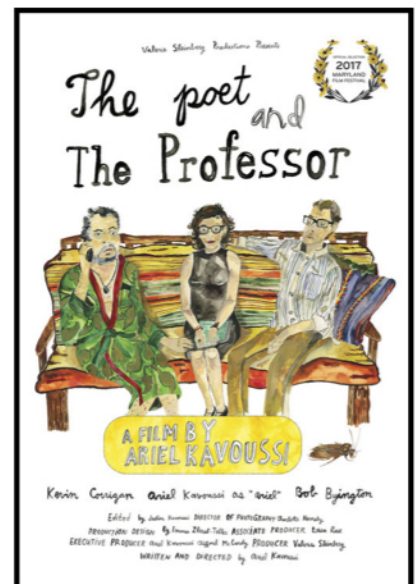
Cinematographer - Charlotte Hornsby

Starring Ariel Kavoussi, Kevin Corrigan and Bob Byington

Comedy (Mature) - 2017

22 Minutes

In New York, a young aimless writer named Ariel bounces back and forth between two equally dysfunctional affairs - one with her depressed married philosophy professor; and the other with an old angry cinematographer.





Tru Romance

A film by Celine Dayan-Bonilla

Cinematographer - Geoffrey Duncanson

Starring Angela Belcamino, Diana Berry, Eric Espinosa, Ivelaw Peters, Mehdi El-Hebil

Comedy - 2020

7 Minutes

Can't a feminist catch a break? Join Kayla on her journey back into the modern world of dating.

VIRTUAL APPLAUSE?

When possible, contact information for the filmmakers is provided in the Vimeo synopsis. You are welcome to send comments or questions to them. You can also contact: FilmProgramTNC@gmail.com

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FESTIVAL

The Lower East Side Festival of the Arts started in 1996 as a three-day, indoor and outdoor multi-arts festival intended to demonstrate the creative explosion of the Lower East Side and the area's importance to culture and tourism for New York City. It employed two theater spaces at TNC plus the block of East Tenth Street between First and Second Avenues. For the past 24 years, it has been organized by Theater for the New City and a coalition of civic, cultural and business leaders and presented free to an average attendance of 4,000. This year, with obligatory separation caused by Coronavirus, it is being mounted entirely on the theater's website to show the world how the pandemic will not quench the artistic output of this fabled neighborhood. Over 150 performing groups and artists of all disciplines are participating.

Festival Director: Crystal Field, Theater for the New City

Technical Directors: David Aronson and Roy T Chang

Curator: Eva Dorrepaal



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